

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, October 24, 2006, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman
Brad Molnar, Vice Chairman
Doug Mood, Commissioner
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner
Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

APPEARANCE
Scott Fabel, Utility Division

(311) In the matter of N2006.10.145 –Citizens Telecommunications-On October 3, 2006 Citizens filed tariff pages requesting to introduce a new residential bundle called Frontier Digital Phone Service. These bundles will be available to all residential customers including those customers receiving a Low Income Assistance Program discount. Citizens is requesting an effective date of November 3, 2006.

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the residential bundle called Frontier Digital Phone Service. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(312) In the matter of TN2324-R&B Limousine LLC, Victor Montana requests permission to suspend PSC No. 9445 for a six (6) month period, October 6, 2006 to April 16, 2007. (Class B- Passengers in limousine service (1) between all points and places in Missoula County and Ravalli County, Montana, and (2) between all points and places in Missoula County and Ravalli County to all points and places in Montana and return.)

Commissioner Mood moved to approve the suspension of PSC No. 9445 for 6 month period from October 6, 2006 till April 16, 2007. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(313) In the matter of T-06.31.PCN-Valet Limousine LLC, Missoula, Montana has filed a request for a temporary certificate of public convenience and necessity. The request was filed with the required fee and accompanied by a permanent application and fee. (Class B-Passengers in limousine service between all points and places in Missoula and Ravalli County, Montana.)

Commissioner Mood moved to approve Valet Limousine LLC, request for a temporary certificate of public convenience and necessity. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(314) In the matter of Commission Minutes:

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the Commission minutes for the week of October 16, 2006. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Tim Sweeney, Legal Division

(315) In the matter of N2006.6.81-Qwest Corporation-Residence and Business Customer Incentive Program-Rule on 180 Communication's Objection to Qwest's Initial Statement and Motion to reject Qwest's Petition.

Commissioner Molnar moved the Commission deny 180's motion and continue with order #6615a in Docket D2004.8.135. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(316) In the matter of D2006.3.39-Qwest Corporation-objections to staff data requests PSC-032, PSC-035 and PSC-045.

Commissioner Raney moved to deny Qwest's objection to PSC-032. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Schneider moved to deny Qwest's objection to PSC-035. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Schneider moved to deny Qwest's objection to PSC-045. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Raney moved that Qwest be directed to provide a responsive answer to PSC-031 sub-part A. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Schneider moved that Qwest provide a responsive answer to PSC-33b. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Raney moved to direct Qwest to provide a responsive answer to PSC request No. 044. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Schneider moved that Qwest provide responses to the PSC requests by 10 a.m. Monday, October 30, 2006. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Legal Division

(317) In the matter of D2006.4.54-MDU 2006 Annual Gas Tracker-discussion, direction, and action on motion for protective order, other matters as necessary. On September 29, 2006, MDU filed a motion for protective order. The PSC noticed the motion in its October 12, 2006 agenda. MDU requests protection of information related to natural gas supply purchasing.

Commissioner Raney moved to grant the motion for protective order with the exception noted by staff related to future similar information. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator
Utility Division

(318) In the matter of legislation-consider proposed bill to repeal tax tracker law. This is one of the proposed bills that the commission directed staff to draft and bring back to the commission at the recent work session regarding potential 2007 legislation.

Commissioner Raney moved to proceed with the introduction of the bill by request of the Montana Public Service Commission. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division
Robin McHugh, Administrator Legal Division

(319) In the matter of T-06-26.PCN-Smooth Moves LLC-discuss and decide status of protest from Montana Transfer that was post marked October 6. Protest date of October 5.

Commissioner Mood moved to accept the protest application of Montana Transfer in T-06-26.PCN. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed 4 -1. Commissioner Raney voted no.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GREG JERGSON, Chairman

BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman

DOUG MOOD, Commissioner

ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Connie Jones
Commission Secretary

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